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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
117TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1050, L.D. 1469, "An Act to Reinstate the Maine Meat Inspection Act"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the 2nd indented paragraph and before the statement of fact (page 1, lines 33 to 52 and page 2, lines 1 to 40 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Report. Resolved: That, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall perform the following tasks related to a state meat inspection program and report findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural, conservation and forestry matters by February 1, 1997:

1. Appoint the members of a state meat inspection advisory committee to advise the commissioner on the accomplishment of tasks described under subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5. The state meat inspection advisory committee consists of the following 9 members: 3 members who are producers of livestock, 2 members who are representatives of meat processors, 2 members who are representatives of livestock producer organizations, one member who sells meat on the wholesale or retail market and one member who is a consumer. Members serve without compensation;

2. Develop for custom meat processors in this State a hazard analysis critical control point manual that complies with United States Department of Agriculture standards;

3. Develop legislation to establish a hazard analysis critical control point program for meat inspection in this State;

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4. Determine the feasibility and criteria for a hazard
analysis critical control point pilot project;

5. Negotiate with the United States Department of
Agriculture to establish a hazard analysis critical control point
pilot project for meat inspection in this State; and

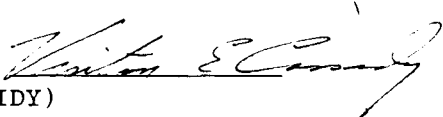
6. Conduct the study to the extent possible within its
existing budgeted resources.'

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment removes the General Fund appropriation of
\$20,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources and limits the costs and the scope of the study to the
department's existing level of resources. The estimated cost of
the study is \$20,000. Since no additional funding is provided,
the scope of the study may be reduced.

SUMMARY

This amendment incorporates the language in House Amendment
"A" to Committee Amendment "A," except that it removes the
appropriation and requires the Department of Agriculture, Food
and Rural Resources to conduct the study to the extent possible
within existing budgeted resources.

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